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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 1097

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIKI ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: TOKYO 1031

1. AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, PRINCIPAL POINT OF FOREIGN POLICY  
INTEREST IN MIKI SPEECH TO DIET JAN 24 WAS PORTION ON  
MIDDLE EAST. MIKI BROKE TRADITION IN HIS SPEECH BY  
DISCUSSING FOREIGN POLICY FIRST AND UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE  
OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUE BY BROACHING TOPIC FIRST. FULL TEXT  
OF POSITION READS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
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THE OIL PROBLEM ARE BOUND TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL

ISSUE OF 1975.

3. THE OIL PROBLEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE CANNOT BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD SHOULD COOPERATE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STANDPOINTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA.

4. JAPAN STRONGLY APPEALS TO THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTION UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. THE RESOLUTION, EMPHASIZING INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY WAR, CALLED ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM THE OCCUPIED AREAS AS A RESULT OF THE 1967 CONFLICT. THE RESOLUTION, FURTHERMORE, IMPLICITLY URGES THAT THE RIGHT TO LIVE OF ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, BE RESPECTED. I CONSIDER IT A JUST AND FAIR RESOLUTION.

5. HOWEVER, WITH REGARD TO THE PALESTINIANS, IT REFERS ONLY TO THE REFUGEES. WHAT MUST BE ACHIEVED IS THE RECOGNITION, ON THE BASIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, OF THE JUST RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, TOGETHER WITH A SOLUTION TO THE JERUSALEM PROBLEM, THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

6. JAPAN ON HER PART WILL EXERT UTMOST EFFORTS TO HELP AMICABLY SETTLE ALL THESE PROBLEMS SO THAT JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY PREVAIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

7. THE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL, QUADRUPLED AT A STROKE, HAS THROWN THE WORLD ECONOMY INTO A QUAGMIRE OF CONFUSION AND HAS PARTICULARLY AGGRAVATED THE COST-PUSH INFLATION AND INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS POSITION OF JAPAN, WHICH IS HEAVILY RELIANT ON OVERSEAS OIL SUPPLIES.

8. WE HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF HAVING HAD COMPLAINTS OVER EXTREMELY LOW PRICES OF THEIR PRODUCTS OVER A LONG PERIOD, DESPITE RISES WITNESSED IN THE MEANTIME IN THE PRICES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AS WELL AS OF OTHER RAW MATERIALS AND

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RESOURCES.

9. IT IS, NEVERTHELESS, A GRIM FACT THAT THE QUADRUPLED PRICE OF CRUDE OIL HAS AS A CONSEQUENCE BROUGHT ABOUT CONFUSION IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROMPTLY ADJUST ITSELF TO THE DEVELOPMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON THIS SCORE. IT IS MY SINCERE DESIRE THAT BOTH OIL-PRODUCING

AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES SEEK TO ADJUST MUTUAL INTERESTS  
NOT THROUGH FORCE BUT THROUGH DIALOGUE IN A SPIRIT OF  
COLLABORATION.

10. JAPAN, HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST OIL,  
NATURALLY HAS TO MAKE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IN FRAMING HER  
MIDDLE EAST POLICY. UNQUOTE.

1. ACCORDING FONOFF FIRST MIDEAST DIV DIR WATANABE,  
INITIATIVE FOR STATEMENT CAME DIRECTLY FROM PRIME MINISTER  
HIMSELF. FONOFF PROVIDED DETAILED ADVICE ON CONTENTS WHEN  
WATANABE DISCOVERED THHT MIKI'S IDEAS OF WHAT HE MIGHT  
SAY WERE SOMEWHAT "DATED". WATANABE SAID THAT ASSUMPTION  
OF POWER BY MIKI, WHO HAD VISITED MIDDLE EAST AND HAS  
KNOWLEDGE OF AREA AND ITS LEADERS, HAD "RAISED ARAB  
EXPECTATIONS". ARABS HAD COMMUNICATED THEIR EXPECTATIONS  
TO NEW PRIME MINISTER WHO FELT HE HAD TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT  
LEST HIS REPUTATION IN AREA, AND JAPANESE INTERESTS, SUFFER.  
TIMING OF STATEMENT DICTATED ONLY BY OCCASION OF SPEECH  
TO OPENING OF DIET, RATHER THAN ANY SPECIFIC ARAB PRESSURE.

12. WATANABE POINTED OUT THAT MIKI'S WORDS ESSENTIALLY A  
HIGHER LEVEL REITERATION OF FORMER CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY  
NIKKAIDO'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 22, 1973. HE GRANTED  
THAT MIKI'S SUPPORT FOR SOLUTION OF JERUSALEM  
ISSUE WAS NEW, BUT FELT THAT STATEMENT WAS NOT CONTENTIOUS.  
FURTHERMORE, PRO-ARAB THRUST OF STATEMENT BALANCED  
OFF, WATANABE FELT, BY MIKI'S RECOGNITION THAT  
INCREASED PRICE OF OIL WAS MAJOR SOURCE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
IN JAPAN AND INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, A THEME AT VARIANCE OF  
COURSE WITH OPEC POSITION.

13. COMMENT: THOUGH INITIATIVE FOR STATEMENT CAME FROM  
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ELSEWHERE, FONOFF APPEARS TO HAVE FOUND  
OPPORTUNITY USEFUL AS WAY OF FORESTALLING HIGHER POLITICAL  
PRICE THAT THEY EXPECT ARABS MAY LEVY. IN DECEMBER,  
EXPECTATION WAS THAT PRESSURE WOULD MATERIALIZE THIS MONTH  
FOR GOJ TO PERMIT PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN TOKYO. REMAINS  
TO BE SEEN WHETHER MIKI GESTURE WILL SATISFY ARABS OR SIMPLY  
PROVIDE BASIS FOR FURTHER DEMANDS TO ENHANCE STATUS OF  
PLO.

14. FONOFF CLEARLY NERVOUS ABOUT UNITED STATES REACTION.  
WHEN EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT HIS QUESTIONS NOT BASED ON  
INSTRUCTION FROM WASHINGTON, WATANABE RELAXED AND ADMITTED  
HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING A BLAST.  
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